

SENATE BILL No. 344

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-27.

Synopsis: Commission on Hispanic and Latino affairs. Establishes the legislative commission on Hispanic and Latino affairs.

Effective: July 1, 2002.

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January 8, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-27 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2002]:

4 **Chapter 27. Legislative Commission on Hispanic and Latino**
5 **Affairs**

6 **Sec. 1. The legislative commission on Hispanic and Latino**
7 **affairs is established.**

8 **Sec. 2. (a) The commission shall do the following:**

9 (1) **Identify and research issues affecting the Hispanic and**
10 **Latino communities.**

11 (2) **Promote cooperation and understanding between the**
12 **Hispanic and Latino communities and other communities**
13 **throughout Indiana.**

14 (3) **Report to the general assembly concerning Hispanic and**
15 **Latino issues, including the following:**

16 (A) **Conditions causing exclusion of Hispanics and Latinos**
17 **from the larger Indiana community.**



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(B) Measures to stimulate job skill training and related workforce development.

(C) Measures to sustain cultural diversity while improving race and ethnic relations.

(D) Public awareness of issues affecting the Hispanic and Latino communities.

(E) Measures that could facilitate easier access to state and local government services by Hispanics and Latinos.

(F) Challenges and opportunities arising out of the growing Hispanic and Latino population.

(b) The commission may study other topics as assigned by the legislative council or as directed by its chairman.

(c) The commission may make legislative recommendations under rules adopted by the legislative council.

Sec. 3. (a) The commission consists of sixteen (16) members appointed as follows:

(1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(3) Four (4) members of the Hispanic or Latino community who are not members of the general assembly to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(4) Four (4) members of the Hispanic or Latino community who are not members of the general assembly to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

In making appointments under this section, the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall attempt to have the greatest number of counties represented on the commission.

(b) The chairman of the legislative council shall appoint a member of the commission to serve as chairman. Whenever there is a new chairman of the legislative council, the new chairman may remove the chairman of the commission and appoint another chairman.

(c) If a legislative member of the commission ceases being a member of the chamber from which the member was appointed, the member also ceases to be a member of the commission.

(d) A legislative member of the commission may be removed at

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1 any time by the appointing authority who appointed the legislative
2 member.

3 (e) If a vacancy exists on the commission, the appointing
4 authority who appointed the former member whose position has
5 become vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

6 Sec. 4. The commission shall operate under the rules of the
7 legislative council.

8 Sec. 5. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support
9 to the commission.

10 Sec. 6. Each member of the commission is entitled to receive the
11 same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals
12 who serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim
13 study committees established by the legislative council.

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